



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1630**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jiangchun Xu et al.
Application No. : 09/605,783
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For : COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR THE THERAPY AND
DIAGNOSIS OF PROSTATE CANCER

Examiner : Diana B. Johannsen
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Docket No. : 210121.427C16
Date : January 9, 2006

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 8, 2005**

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2005, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on January 9, 2006 (January 8, 2006, being a Sunday). Enclosed is a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Also enclosed is a Request for Continued Examination accompanied by a Response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2005.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.